

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper South Platte - Forestry

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Upper South Platte - Forestry		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area or is the plan designed for pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or c. Applicant has never participated in EQIP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the proposed project dominated by continuous Ponderosa Pine/Douglas Fir vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the proposed project dominated by mixed conifer vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the proposed project dominated by Lodgepole Pine or Open Ponderosa Pine Woodland vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the proposed project dominated by deciduous vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. In the treatment area, is the surface vegetation dead and down woody material with wild grass or shrubs (includes immature trees up to 8' in height)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. In the treatment area, is the surface vegetation wild grass or shrubs (includes immature trees up to 8' in height)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is 50% or more of the treatment area made up of heavy ladder fuels (shrubs, immature trees and branches within 6' of the surface)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is 20-50% of the treatment area made up of heavy ladder fuels (shrubs, immature trees and branches within 6' of the surface)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. In the treatment area, is 50% or more of the slope greater than 30%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. In the treatment area, is 50% or more of the slope 15-30%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Is the proposed project and associated practices part of an adjoining multi-landowner project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the purpose of the project to re-forest a landscape that burned more than 3 years ago?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Is the insect and disease level within the treatment area "High Activity with tree loss"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Is the insect and disease level within the treatment area "Sporadic Activity and High threat or risk"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Is the insect and disease level within the treatment area "Sporadic Activity and Low threat or risk"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Is the insect and disease level within the treatment area "Not Active and High threat or risk"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: